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# SPIDER-MAN® AND POWER PACK™

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The National Education Association recognizes this publication as a viable attempt to educate children about the problem of child sexual abuse.

Dear Reader:

The stories you are about to read may seem familiar to you. They are about children who have been forced or tricked or conned by an older person into touch or sexual contact. This is called child sexual abuse. Perhaps you or someone you know has been sexually abused. If so, you're not alone. Probably over a half million children experience some kind of sexual abuse every year.

The purpose of this book is to teach you how to protect yourself from sexual abuse and what to do if it happens to you. It shows you that even people you know and trust can touch you in ways or in places that feel uncomfortable or yukky or just not right. Or, they can make you touch them in private places. And this book tells you that if this happens, it's not your fault — you can say no — and there is help out there.

Just like Spider-Man and Power Pack, you are not powerless. You can help yourself and you can help others. We hope that you will find this comic book valuable and that you will share it with a friend.

Sincerely,

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TAKE TONIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE! HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU KNOW WHO EARN A LIVING BY USING A SPECIAL CAMERA TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THEMSELVES IN A BLUE AND RED COSTUME BATTLING CRIMINALS?
JOE ROBERTSON, THE DAILY BUGLE'S NEW EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, BETTER LIKE MY LATEST BATCH OF PHOTOS! I DOUBT IF BIG JOHN BRAXTON AND HIS GANG WILL AGREE TO BEING CLOBBERED AGAIN FOR A RESHOOT!
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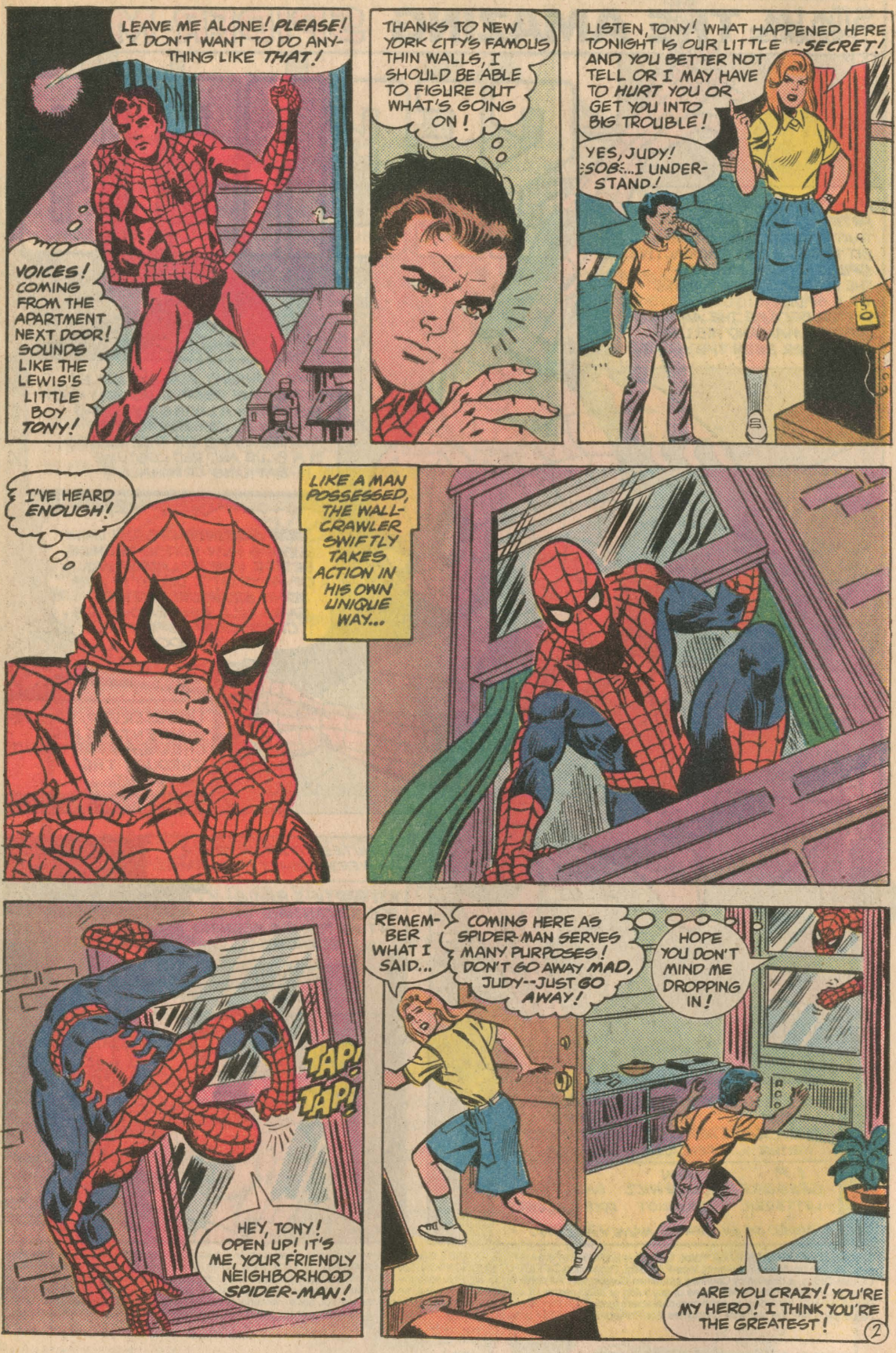
LEAVE ME ALONE! PLEASE! I DON'T WANT TO DO ANY-THING LIKE THAT!
VOICES! COMING FROM THE APARTMENT NEXT DOOR! SOUNDS LIKE THE LEWIS'S LITTLE BOY TONY!
THANKS TO NEW YORK CITY'S FAMOUS THIN WALLS, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S GOING ON!
LISTEN, TONY! WHAT HAPPENED HERE TONIGHT IS OUR LITTLE SECRET! AND YOU BETTER NOT TELL OR I MAY HAVE TO HURT YOU OR GET YOU INTO BIG TROUBLE!
YES, JUDY! SOB:...I UNDER-STAND!
I'VE HEARD ENOUGH!
LIKE A MAN POSSESSED, THE WALL-CRAWLER SWIFTLY TAKES ACTION IN HIS OWN UNIQUE WAY...
TAP! TAP!
HEY, TONY! OPEN UP! IT'S ME, YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN!
REMEM-BER WHAT I SAID...
COMING HERE AS SPIDER-MAN SERVES MANY PURPOSES! DON'T GO AWAY MAD, JUDY--JUST GO AWAY!
HOPE YOU DON'T MIND ME DROPPING IN!
ARE YOU CRAZY! YOU'RE MY HERO! I THINK YOU'RE THE GREATEST!
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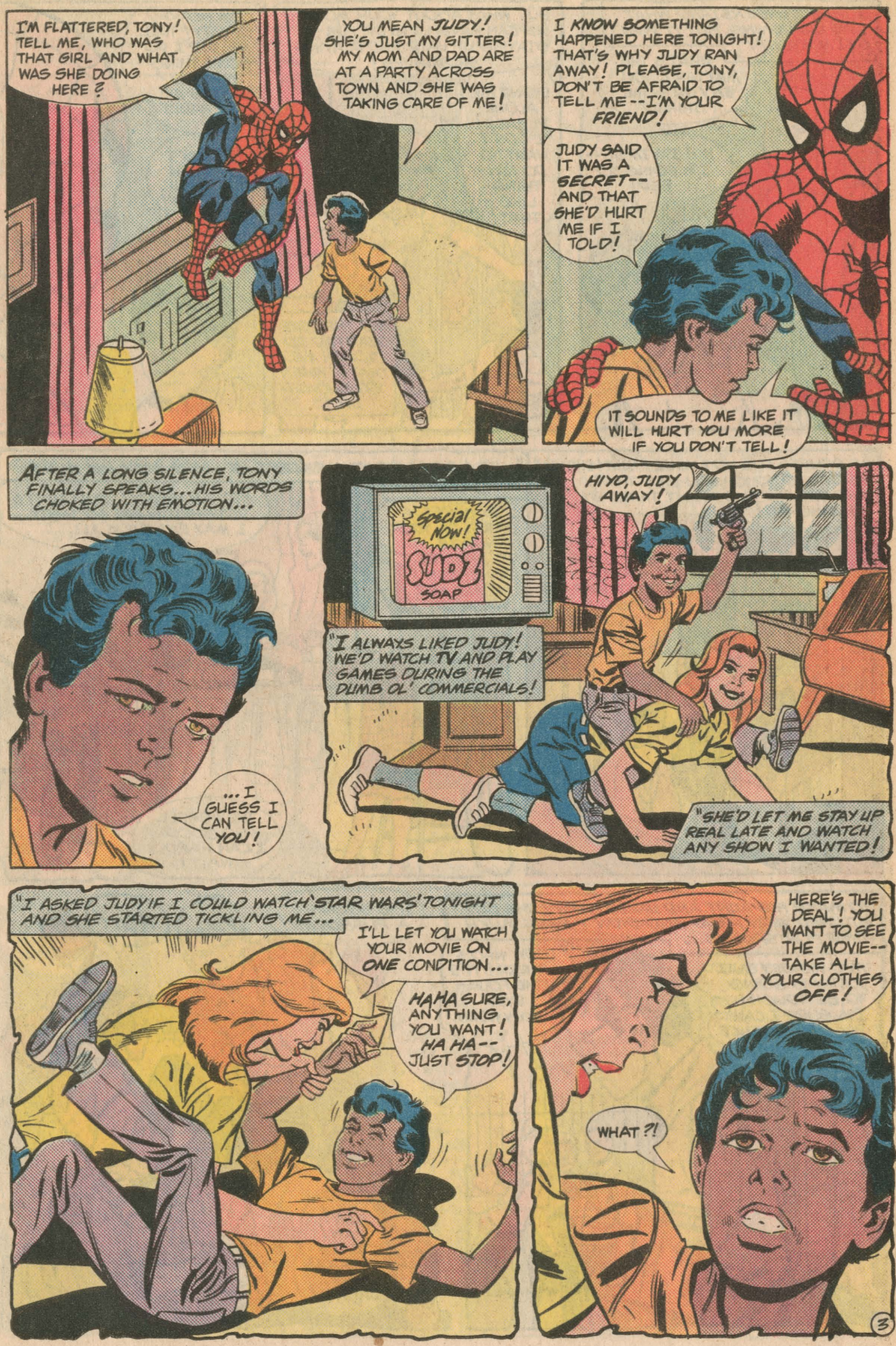
I'M FLATTERED, TONY! TELL ME, WHO WAS THAT GIRL AND WHAT WAS SHE DOING HERE?
YOU MEAN JUDY! SHE'S JUST MY SITTER! MY MOM AND DAD ARE AT A PARTY ACROSS TOWN AND SHE WAS TAKING CARE OF ME!
I KNOW SOMETHING HAPPENED HERE TONIGHT! THAT'S WHY JUDY RAN AWAY! PLEASE, TONY, DON'T BE AFRAID TO TELL ME--I'M YOUR FRIEND!
JUDY SAID IT WAS A SECRET-- AND THAT SHE'D HURT ME IF I TOLD!
IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE IT WILL HURT YOU MORE IF YOU DON'T TELL!
AFTER A LONG SILENCE, TONY FINALLY SPEAKS...HIS WORDS CHOKED WITH EMOTION...
...I GUESS I CAN TELL YOU!
Special NOW! SUDZ SOAP
HIYO, JUDY AWAY!
"I ALWAYS LIKED JUDY! WE'D WATCH TV AND PLAY GAMES DURING THE DUMB OL' COMMERCIALS!
"SHE'D LET ME STAY UP REAL LATE AND WATCH ANY SHOW I WANTED!
"I ASKED JUDY IF I COULD WATCH 'STAR WARS' TONIGHT AND SHE STARTED TICKLING ME...
I'LL LET YOU WATCH YOUR MOVIE ON ONE CONDITION...
HAHA SURE, ANYTHING YOU WANT! HA HA-- JUST STOP!
HERE'S THE DEAL! YOU WANT TO SEE THE MOVIE-- TAKE ALL YOUR CLOTHES OFF!
WHAT?!
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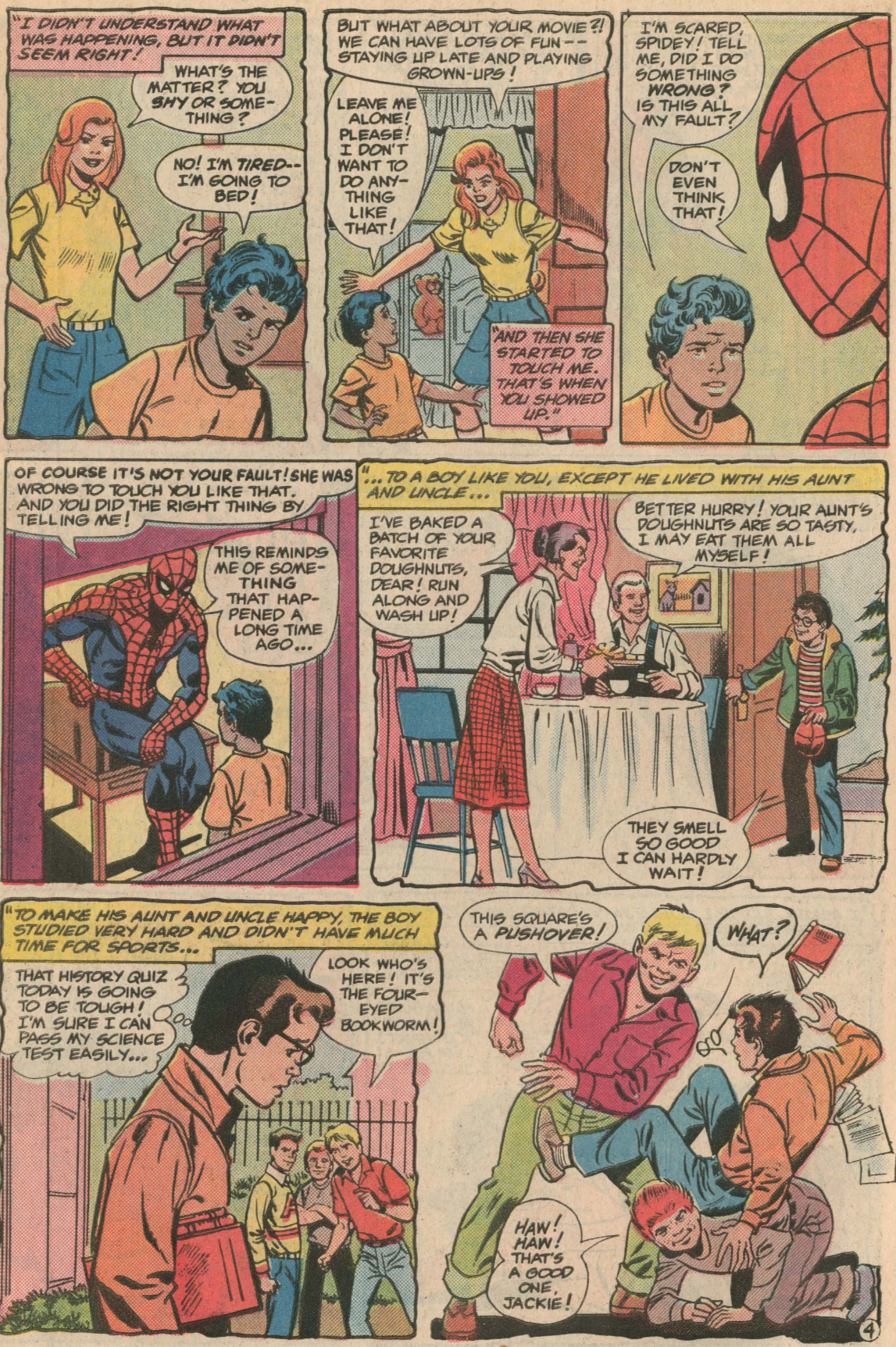
"I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS HAPPENING, BUT IT DIDN'T SEEM RIGHT!
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU SHY OR SOMETHING?
NO! I'M TIRED-- I'M GOING TO BED!
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR MOVIE?! WE CAN HAVE LOTS OF FUN -- STAYING UP LATE AND PLAYING GROWN-UPS!
LEAVE ME ALONE! PLEASE! I DON'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
"AND THEN SHE STARTED TO TOUCH ME. THAT'S WHEN YOU SHOWED UP."
I'M SCARED, SPIDEY! TELL ME, DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG? IS THIS ALL MY FAULT?
DON'T EVEN THINK THAT!
OF COURSE IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT! SHE WAS WRONG TO TOUCH YOU LIKE THAT. AND YOU DID THE RIGHT THING BY TELLING ME!
THIS REMINDS ME OF SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED A LONG TIME AGO...
"... TO A BOY LIKE YOU, EXCEPT HE LIVED WITH HIS AUNT AND UNCLE...
I'VE BAKED A BATCH OF YOUR FAVORITE DOUGHNUTS, DEAR! RUN ALONG AND WASH UP!
BETTER HURRY! YOUR AUNT'S DOUGHNUTS ARE SO TASTY, I MAY EAT THEM ALL MYSELF!
THEY SMELL SO GOOD I CAN HARDLY WAIT!
"TO MAKE HIS AUNT AND UNCLE HAPPY, THE BOY STUDIED VERY HARD AND DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TIME FOR SPORTS...
THAT HISTORY QUIZ TODAY IS GOING TO BE TOUGH! I'M SURE I CAN PASS MY SCIENCE TEST EASILY...
LOOK WHO'S HERE! IT'S THE FOUR-EYED BOOKWORM!
THIS SQUARE'S A PUSHOVER!
WHAT?
HAW! HAW! THAT'S A GOOD ONE, JACKIE!

"HE GREW USED TO SUCH CRUEL PUNISHMENT! THE ONLY FRIENDS THIS BOY HAD WERE THE BOOKS HE STUDIED IN THE LIBRARY...
THE MORE I LEARN THE MORE I REALIZE HOW LITTLE I KNOW! THE THEORY OF RELATIVITY, FOR EXAMPLE...
QUIET
THEN ONE DAY...
EXCUSE ME, IS THIS SEAT TAKEN?
UH... NO!
SAY, HAVEN'T I SEEN YOU AROUND HERE BEFORE? YOU'RE THE KID WHOSE NOSE IS ALWAYS BURIED IN A TEXTBOOK!
MY NAME'S STEVEN WESTCOTT, BUT YOU CAN CALL ME SKIP!
UM, HI, SKIP!
LIBRARY
WHICH WAY DO YOU LIVE? I NEVER WALKED EINSTEIN HOME BEFORE!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO, SKIP!
I WANT TO! EINSTEIN, THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP!
"AND THEY DID BECOME FRIENDS!
SEE YOU TOMORROW, EINSTEIN!
THANKS FOR HELPING ME WITH MY SCIENCE PROJECT, SKIP!
I USED TO WORRY THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS UNTIL THAT NICE WESCOTT BOY CAME ALONG! HE SEEMS LIKE SUCH A FINE YOUNG MAN, ANNA!
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"THE BOYS SPENT HOURS TOGETHER DISCUSSING ALL OF LIFE'S IMPORTANT PROBLEMS...
"SKIP'S PARENTS WERE DIVORCED, SO HE LIVED WITH HIS MOTHER! WHILE SHE WAS AT WORK, THE BOYS WERE ON THEIR OWN!
THIS GAME REMINDS ME OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM! THE CUE BALL REPRESENTS THE SUN, THE OTHER BALLS ARE PLANETS, AND...
DON'T YOU EVER STOP THINKING, EINSTEIN? HEY, I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU THAT'S GUARANTEED TO TAKE YOUR MIND OFF SCIENCE!
BET YOU'VE NEVER SEEN PICTURES LIKE THOSE IN A STUFFY TEXTBOOK!
UH, NO!
GIRLIE
"THE YOUNGER BOY WAS SHOCKED BY WHAT HE SAW IN THAT MAGAZINE!
COME ON, EINSTEIN! LET'S CONDUCT A LITTLE EXPERIMENT OF OUR OWN! LET'S SEE IF WE CAN TOUCH EACH OTHER LIKE THE PEOPLE IN THAT MAGAZINE!
PLEASE, SKIP, DON'T! I'VE GOT TO GO NOW!
"BUT THE YOUNG BOY WAS TOO FRIGHTENED TO LEAVE...
"DAYS LATER, HIS AUNT AND UNCLE NOTICED THAT HE WAS NO LONGER SPENDING ANY TIME WITH SKIP, AND THEY QUESTIONED HIM ABOUT IT. AFTER MUCH HESITATION, HE SOMEHOW FOUND THE COURAGE TO TELL THEM WHAT HAPPENED."
JUST LIKE YOU, HE DID THE RIGHT THING! WHEN SOMETHING YOU CAN'T HANDLE BY YOURSELF HAPPENS, YOU MUST TELL AN ADULT!
I KNOW, TONY! THAT YOUNG BOY WAS ME!
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DO YOU THINK YOU CAN TELL YOUR PARENTS WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
I THINK SO! THEY LEFT THE ADDRESS OF THE PARTY THEY'RE AT BY THE PHONE--IN CASE OF EMERGENCY!
THIS QUALIFIES!
QUEENS
ISLAND
AND SO...
HANG ON TIGHT, TONY!
WOW!
...AND AWAY WE GO!
MINUTES LATER ACROSS TOWN...
OPEN UP! IT'S ME, YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD GATECRASHER!
WHAT IS GOING ON?! HE'S GOT OUR TONY!
AND WE'RE ON THE EIGHTEENTH FLOOR!
OH, MY!
THAT REMINDS ME OF A NEW YORKER CARTOON!
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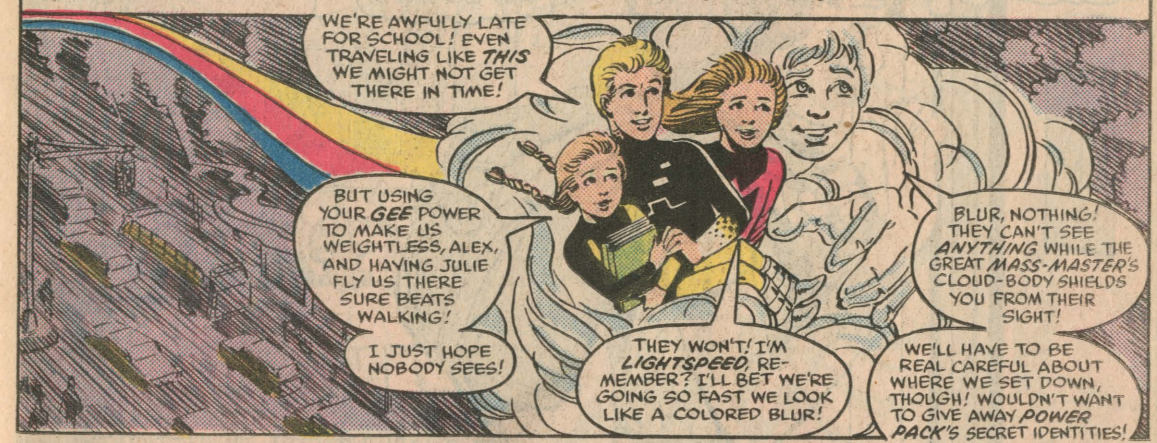
AFTER ALLOWING THE WEB-SLINGER AND TONY IN...
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS? I DEMAND AN EXPLANATION!
TONY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M OKAY, MOM, DAD--THANKS TO SPIDEY!
LATER, IN THE PRIVACY OF ANOTHER ROOM...
TONY HAS SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO TELL BOTH OF YOU!
GO AHEAD, SON! DON'T BE AFRAID!
IT ISN'T EASY FOR HIM, BUT ONCE AGAIN, TONY TELLS ABOUT HOW HIS BABY-SITTER TOUCHED HIM...
I'M SO PROUD OF YOU, TONY! I KNOW IT WASN'T EASY FOR YOU TO TALK ABOUT!
THANKS FOR TELLING US, TONY!
HOW CAN WE EVER THANK YOU, SPIDER-MAN?
BELIEVE IT OR NOT, YOU ALREADY HAVE!
BYE, SPIDEY, AND THANKS!
AS SPIDEY RACES BACK HOME TO HIS DARK ROOM...
I'VE NEVER ADMITTED IT TO MYSELF BEFORE, BUT FOR YEARS I'VE BEEN HAUNTED--ASHAMED OF THAT PART OF MY PAST! LIKE TONY I THOUGHT I DID SOMETHING WRONG!--THAT I WAS RESPONSIBLE!
IT WASN'T UNTIL TONIGHT, AND TONY'S SIMILAR EXPERIENCE, THAT I FINALLY TRULY REALIZED THAT WHAT HAPPENED BACK THEN WASN'T MY FAULT! IT REALLY WASN'T MY FAULT!
AND I OWE IT ALL TO TONY!
THE End

Alex, Julie, Jack and Katie Power — they were four normal brothers and sisters, just like you and me. Then they were caught in the middle of an alien war and given super powers. Now they're **Gee**, **Lightspeed**, **Mass Master** and **Energizer** — and together they're known as **Power Pack**!


WE'RE AWFULLY LATE FOR SCHOOL! EVEN TRAVELING LIKE THIS WE MIGHT NOT GET THERE IN TIME!
BUT USING YOUR GEE POWER TO MAKE US WEIGHTLESS, ALEX, AND HAVING JULIE FLY US THERE SURE BEATS WALKING!
I JUST HOPE NOBODY SEES!
THEY WON'T! I'M LIGHTSPEED, REMEMBER? I'LL BET WE'RE GOING SO FAST WE LOOK LIKE A COLORED BLUR!
BLUR, NOTHING! THEY CAN'T SEE ANYTHING WHILE THE GREAT MASS-MASTER'S CLOUD-BODY SHIELDS YOU FROM THEIR SIGHT!
WE'LL HAVE TO BE REAL CAREFUL ABOUT WHERE WE SET DOWN, THOUGH! WOULDN'T WANT TO GIVE AWAY POWER PACK'S SECRET IDENTITIES!

WHILE IN A BUILDING BELOW...
RUNAWAY
JANE'S LYING! SHE MADE THE WHOLE THING UP!
WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU EXPECT FROM A CHILD LIKE OURS?
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MOM BELIEVES HIM! WHY NOT? I DO TELL LIES... SOMETIMES! BUT NOT THIS TIME!
GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE... GET AWAY...
...HURRY ON TO SCHOOL OR I'LL BE LATE AND MOM AND DAD WILL...
...WILL WHAT? WHAT ELSE CAN THEY DO TO ME?
LISTEN TO THEM! THEY'RE STILL ARGUING!
WHY DID I OPEN MY BIG MOUTH? WHY?!?
I SHOULD'VE RUN AWAY A LONG TIME AGO!
Dear Mom,
I hate what Dad's been doing to me, I feel like I'm bad, like it's all my fault! I tried to tell you but you wouldn't listen, so I have to leave.
Good-bye.
I love you.
Jane
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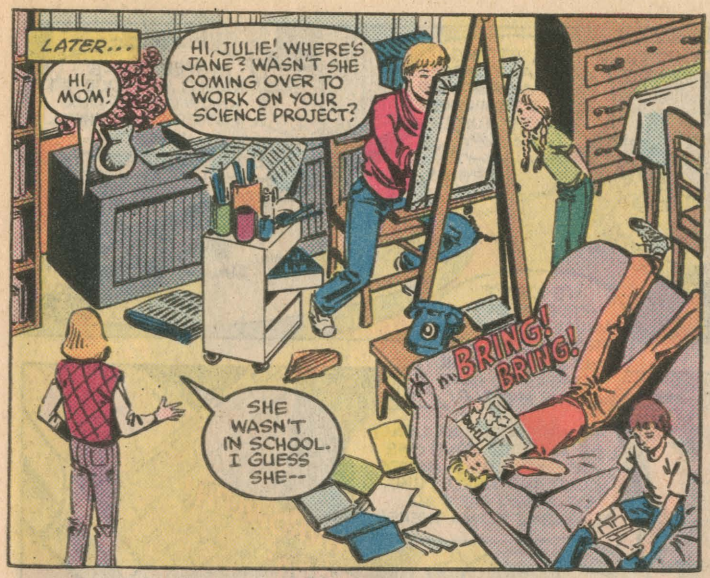
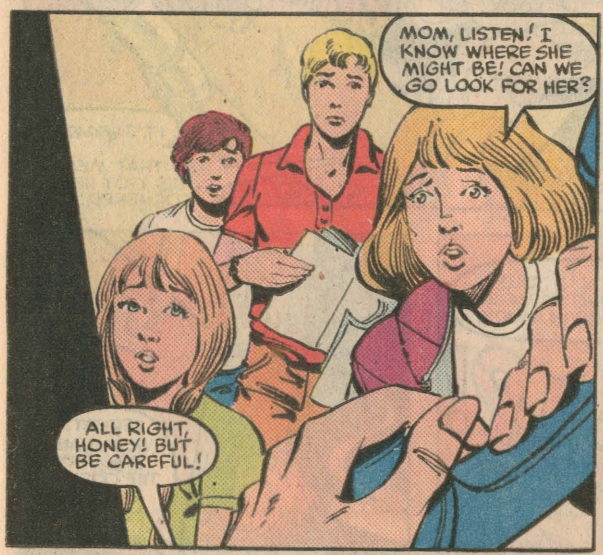
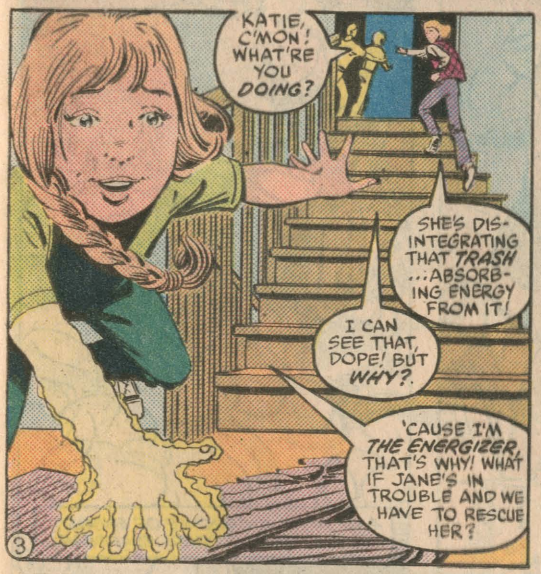

LATER...
HI, MOM!
HI, JULIE! WHERE'S JANE? WASN'T SHE COMING OVER TO WORK ON YOUR SCIENCE PROJECT?
BRING! BRING!
SHE WASN'T IN SCHOOL. I GUESS SHE--

HELLO? HI, LOIS! NO, JANE ISN'T HERE. WE HAVEN'T SEEN HER! WHY?
JANE'S LEFT A NOTE? SHE'S RUN AWAY?


MOM, LISTEN! I KNOW WHERE SHE MIGHT BE! CAN WE GO LOOK FOR HER?
ALL RIGHT, HONEY! BUT BE CAREFUL!

WHERE TO, JULIE?
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHERE! I MADE THAT PART UP, ALEX!
C'MON! WITH OUR POWERS, I'LL BET WE CAN FIND HER FAST!


KATIE, C'MON! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
SHE'S DISINTEGRATING THAT TRASH ...ABSORBING ENERGY FROM IT!
I CAN SEE THAT, DOPE! BUT WHY?
'CAUSE I'M THE ENERGIZER, THAT'S WHY! WHAT IF JANE'S IN TROUBLE AND WE HAVE TO RESCUE HER?
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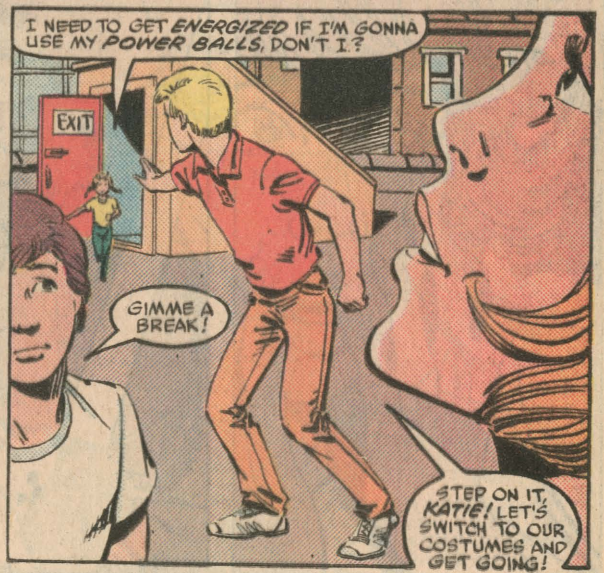
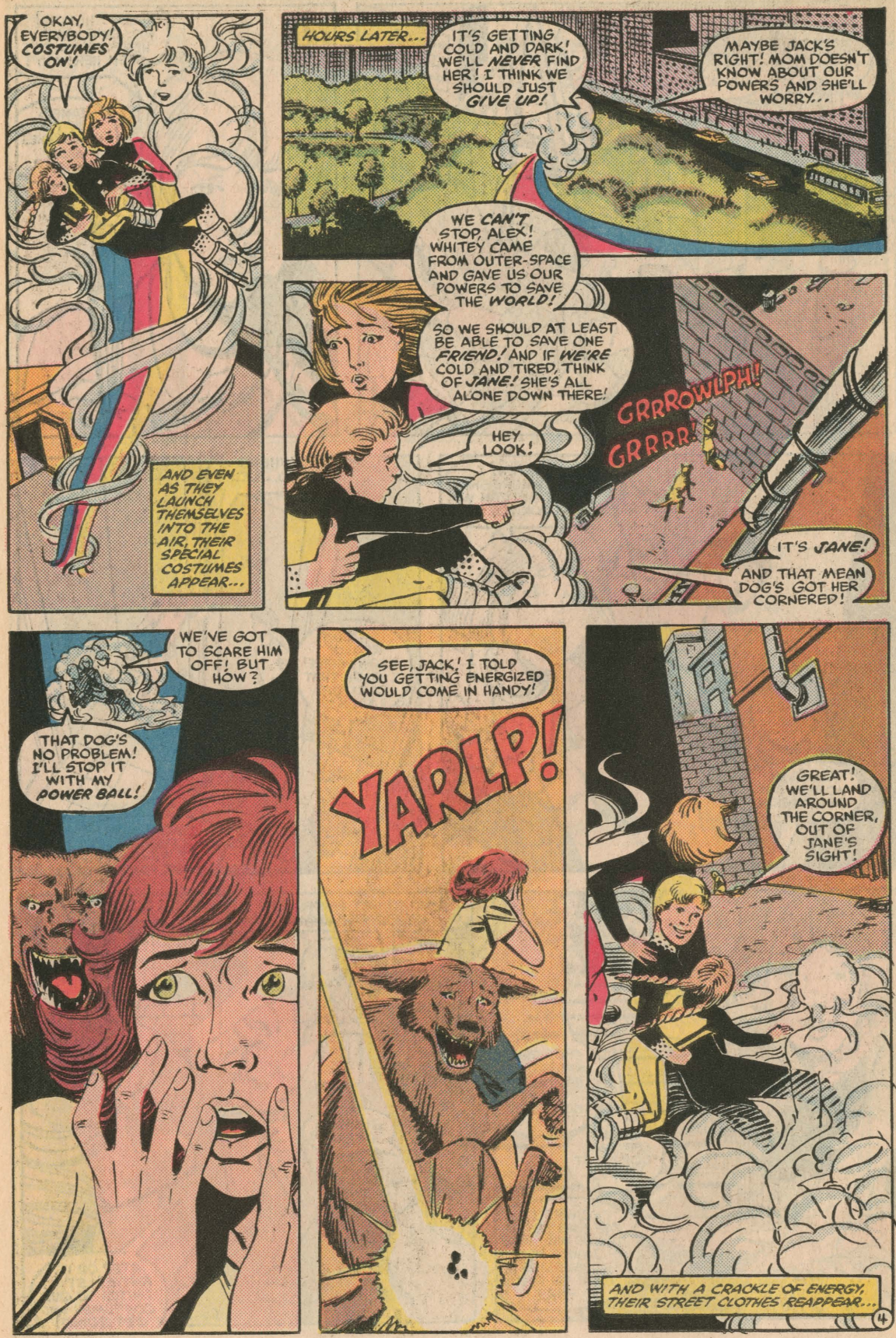

I NEED TO GET ENERGIZED IF I'M GONNA USE MY POWER BALLS, DON'T I?
EXIT
GIMME A BREAK!
STEP ON IT, KATIE! LET'S SWITCH TO OUR COSTUMES AND GET GOING!


OKAY, EVERYBODY! COSTUMES ON!
AND EVEN AS THEY LAUNCH THEMSELVES INTO THE AIR, THEIR SPECIAL COSTUMES APPEAR...
HOURS LATER...
IT'S GETTING COLD AND DARK! WE'LL NEVER FIND HER! I THINK WE SHOULD JUST GIVE UP!
MAYBE JACK'S RIGHT! MOM DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT OUR POWERS AND SHE'LL WORRY...
WE CAN'T STOP, ALEX! WHITEY CAME FROM OUTER-SPACE AND GAVE US OUR POWERS TO SAVE THE WORLD!
SO WE SHOULD AT LEAST BE ABLE TO SAVE ONE FRIEND! AND IF WE'RE COLD AND TIRED, THINK OF JANE! SHE'S ALL ALONE DOWN THERE!
HEY LOOK!
GRRROWLPH! GRRRR!
IT'S JANE!
AND THAT MEAN DOG'S GOT HER CORNERED!
WE'VE GOT TO SCARE HIM OFF! BUT HOW?
THAT DOG'S NO PROBLEM! I'LL STOP IT WITH MY POWER BALL!
SEE, JACK! I TOLD YOU GETTING ENERGIZED WOULD COME IN HANDY!
YARLP!
GREAT! WE'LL LAND AROUND THE CORNER, OUT OF JANE'S SIGHT!
AND WITH A CRACKLE OF ENERGY, THEIR STREET CLOTHES REAPPEAR...
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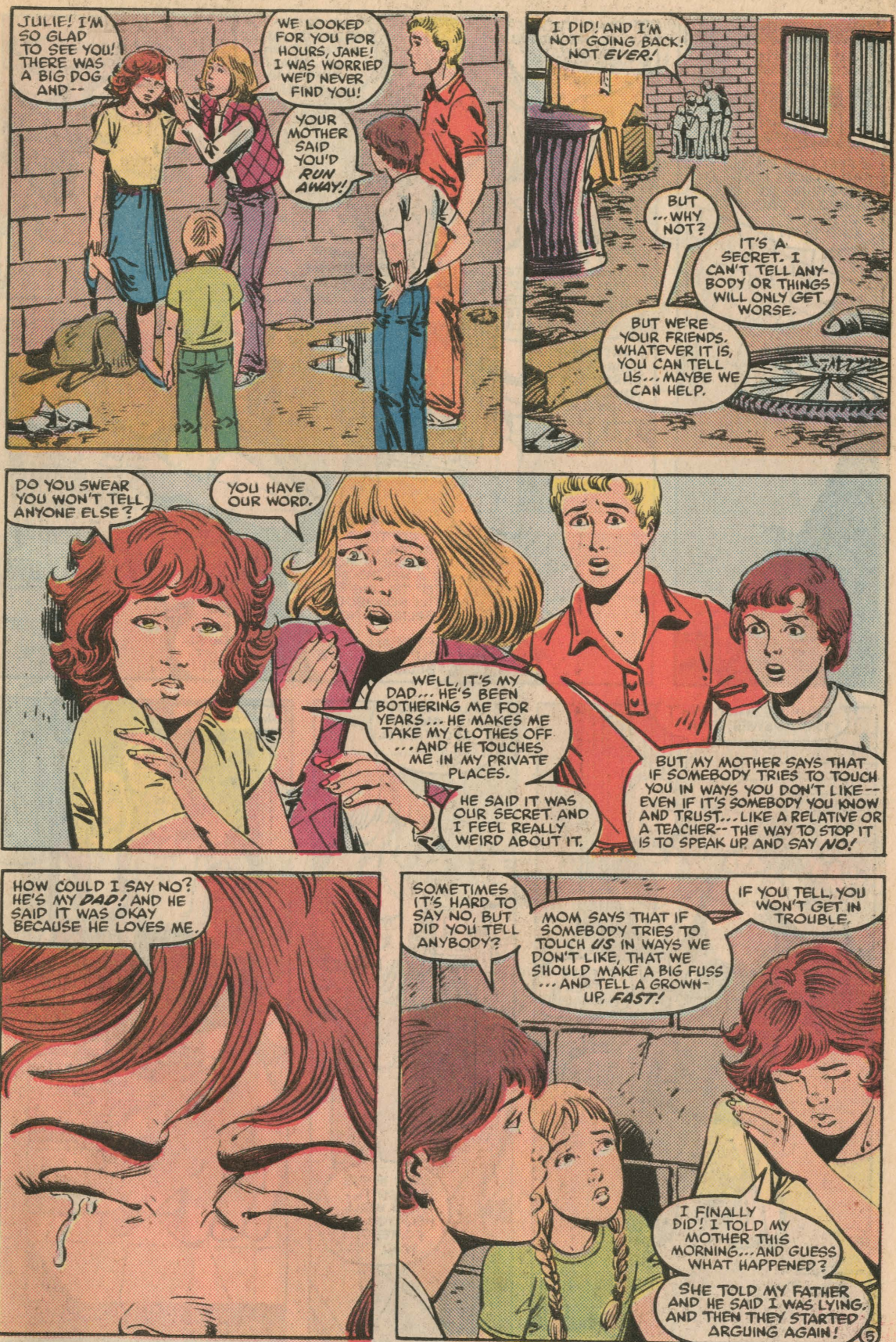
JULIE! I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU! THERE WAS A BIG DOG AND--
WE LOOKED FOR YOU FOR HOURS, JANE! I WAS WORRIED WE'D NEVER FIND YOU!
YOUR MOTHER SAID YOU'D RUN AWAY!
I DID! AND I'M NOT GOING BACK! NOT EVER!
BUT ...WHY NOT?
IT'S A SECRET. I CAN'T TELL ANYBODY OR THINGS WILL ONLY GET WORSE.
BUT WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS. WHATEVER IT IS, YOU CAN TELL US... MAYBE WE CAN HELP.
DO YOU SWEAR YOU WON'T TELL ANYONE ELSE?
YOU HAVE OUR WORD.
WELL, IT'S MY DAD... HE'S BEEN BOTHERING ME FOR YEARS... HE MAKES ME TAKE MY CLOTHES OFF ...AND HE TOUCHES ME IN MY PRIVATE PLACES.
HE SAID IT WAS OUR SECRET AND I FEEL REALLY WEIRD ABOUT IT.
BUT MY MOTHER SAYS THAT IF SOMEBODY TRIES TO TOUCH YOU IN WAYS YOU DON'T LIKE-- EVEN IF IT'S SOMEBODY YOU KNOW AND TRUST... LIKE A RELATIVE OR A TEACHER-- THE WAY TO STOP IT IS TO SPEAK UP AND SAY NO!
HOW COULD I SAY NO? HE'S MY DAD! AND HE SAID IT WAS OKAY BECAUSE HE LOVES ME.
SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO SAY NO, BUT DID YOU TELL ANYBODY?
MOM SAYS THAT IF SOMEBODY TRIES TO TOUCH US IN WAYS WE DON'T LIKE, THAT WE SHOULD MAKE A BIG FUSS ... AND TELL A GROWN-UP, FAST!
IF YOU TELL, YOU WON'T GET IN TROUBLE.
I FINALLY DID! I TOLD MY MOTHER THIS MORNING... AND GUESS WHAT HAPPENED?
SHE TOLD MY FATHER AND HE SAID I WAS LYING, AND THEN THEY STARTED ARGUING AGAIN!
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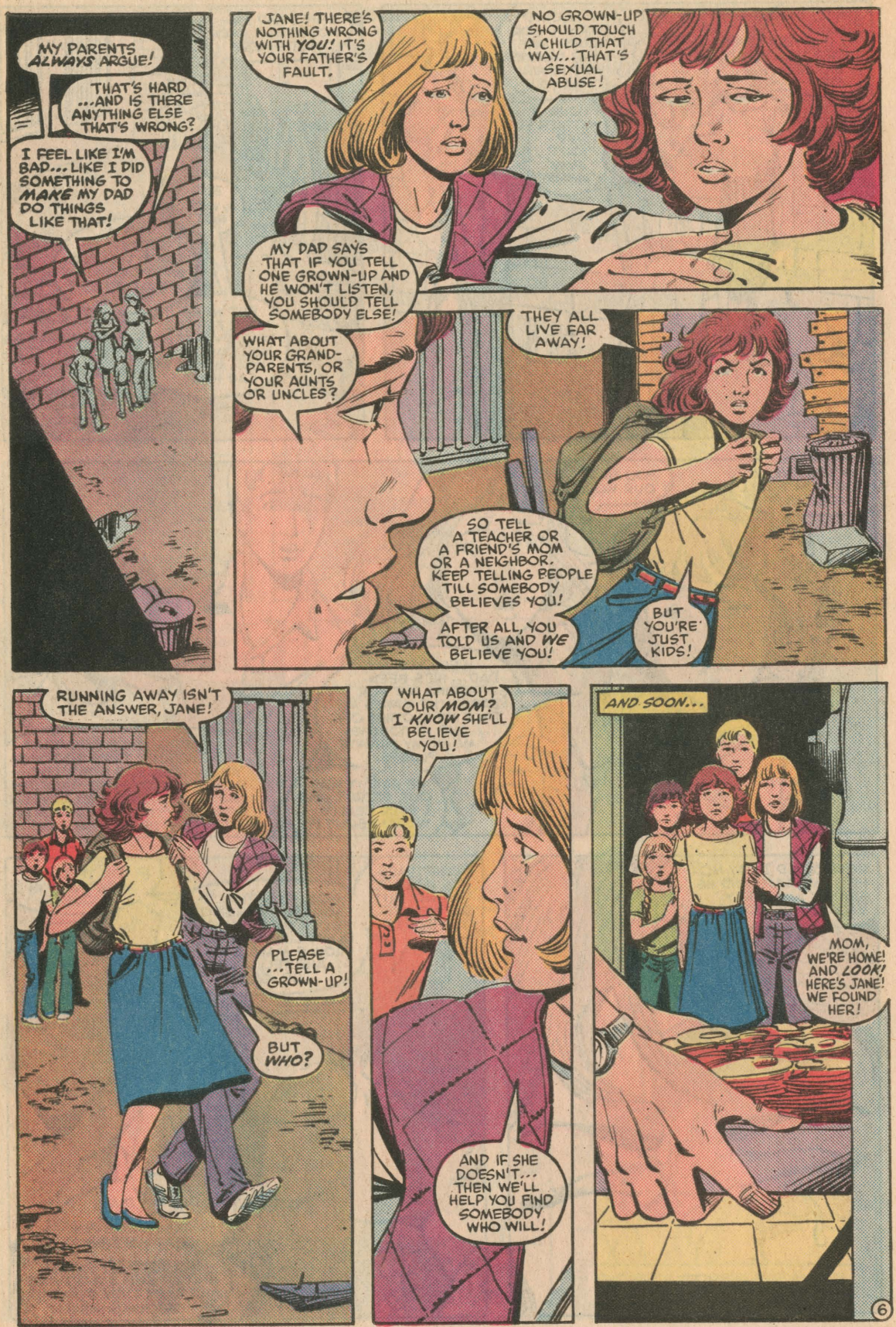
MY PARENTS ALWAYS ARGUE!
THAT'S HARD ...AND IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT'S WRONG?
I FEEL LIKE I'M BAD... LIKE I DID SOMETHING TO MAKE MY DAD DO THINGS LIKE THAT!
JANE! THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH YOU! IT'S YOUR FATHER'S FAULT.
NO GROWN-UP SHOULD TOUCH A CHILD THAT WAY... THAT'S SEXUAL ABUSE!
MY DAD SAYS THAT IF YOU TELL ONE GROWN-UP AND HE WON'T LISTEN, YOU SHOULD TELL SOMEBODY ELSE!
WHAT ABOUT YOUR GRAND-PARENTS, OR YOUR AUNTS OR UNCLES?
THEY ALL LIVE FAR AWAY!
SO TELL A TEACHER OR A FRIEND'S MOM OR A NEIGHBOR. KEEP TELLING PEOPLE TILL SOMEBODY BELIEVES YOU!
AFTER ALL, YOU TOLD US AND WE BELIEVE YOU!
BUT YOU'RE JUST KIDS!
RUNNING AWAY ISN'T THE ANSWER, JANE!
PLEASE ...TELL A GROWN-UP!
BUT WHO?
WHAT ABOUT OUR MOM? I KNOW SHE'LL BELIEVE YOU!
AND IF SHE DOESN'T... THEN WE'LL HELP YOU FIND SOMEBODY WHO WILL!
AND SOON...
MOM, WE'RE HOME! AND LOOK! HERE'S JANE! WE FOUND HER!
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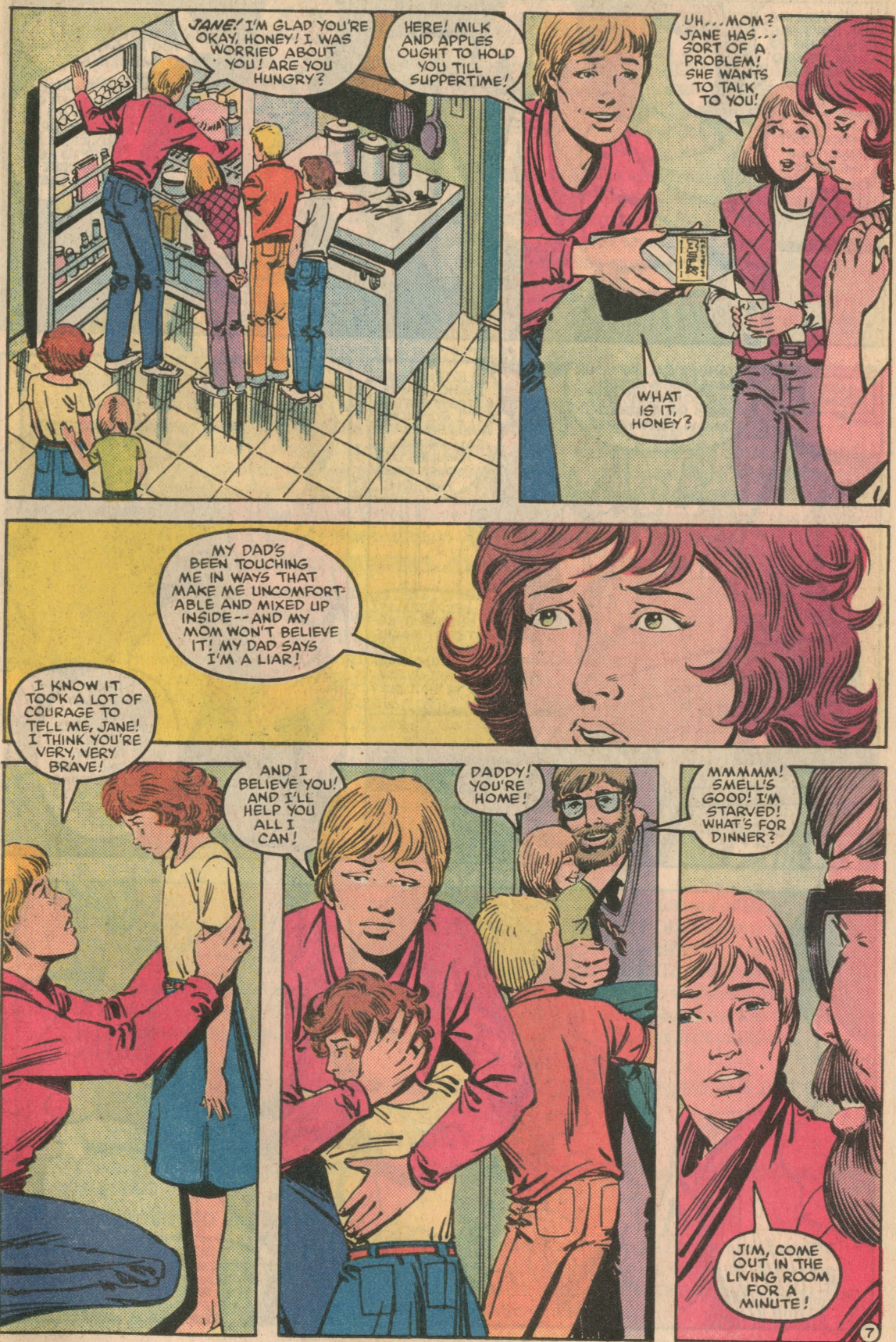
JANE! I'M GLAD YOU'RE OKAY, HONEY! I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU! ARE YOU HUNGRY?
HERE! MILK AND APPLES OUGHT TO HOLD YOU TILL SUPPERTIME!
UH... MOM? JANE HAS... SORT OF A PROBLEM! SHE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU!
WHAT IS IT, HONEY?
MY DAD'S BEEN TOUCHING ME IN WAYS THAT MAKE ME UNCOMFORTABLE AND MIXED UP INSIDE--AND MY MOM WON'T BELIEVE IT! MY DAD SAYS I'M A LIAR!
I KNOW IT TOOK A LOT OF COURAGE TO TELL ME, JANE! I THINK YOU'RE VERY, VERY BRAVE!
AND I BELIEVE YOU! AND I'LL HELP YOU ALL I CAN!
DADDY! YOU'RE HOME!
MMMMM! SMELL'S GOOD! I'M STARVED! WHAT'S FOR DINNER?
JIM, COME OUT IN THE LIVING ROOM FOR A MINUTE!
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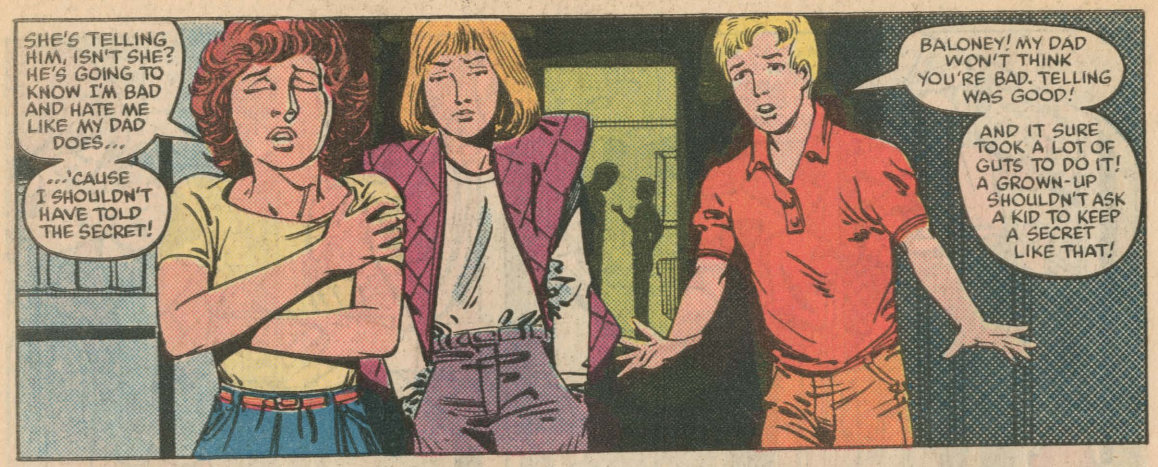
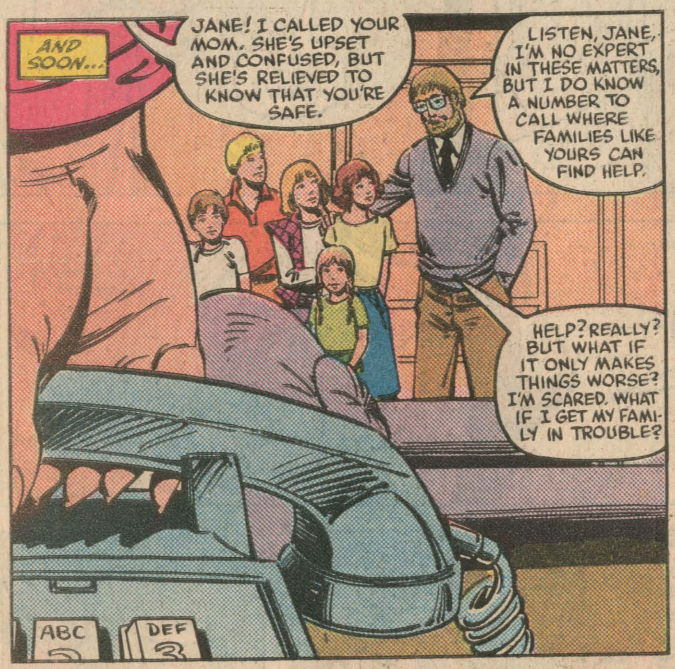

SHE'S TELLING HIM, ISN'T SHE? HE'S GOING TO KNOW I'M BAD AND HATE ME LIKE MY DAD DOES...
...'CAUSE I SHOULDN'T HAVE TOLD THE SECRET!
BALONEY! MY DAD WON'T THINK YOU'RE BAD. TELLING WAS GOOD!
AND IT SURE TOOK A LOT OF GUTS TO DO IT! A GROWN-UP SHOULDN'T ASK A KID TO KEEP A SECRET LIKE THAT!


AND SOON...
JANE! I CALLED YOUR MOM. SHE'S UPSET AND CONFUSED, BUT SHE'S RELIEVED TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE SAFE.
LISTEN, JANE, I'M NO EXPERT IN THESE MATTERS, BUT I DO KNOW A NUMBER TO CALL WHERE FAMILIES LIKE YOURS CAN FIND HELP.
HELP? REALLY? BUT WHAT IF IT ONLY MAKES THINGS WORSE? I'M SCARED. WHAT IF I GET MY FAMILY IN TROUBLE?
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THERE AREN'T ANY MIRACLES, BUT IT'S TOO IMPORTANT NOT TO TRY. THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE THINGS BETTER IS TO ASK FOR HELP.

AND, JANE, REMEMBER... WE'RE HERE AND WE BELIEVE YOU. WE'LL TRY TO HELP YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.
THE END

## EPILOGUE

You may be wondering how these stories end, especially if something like this is happening to you. Well, for each family the ending is different, but it is always important to ask for help. Tony's parents spoke to the baby-sitter's parents, and the baby-sitter got help from someone who works with kids. She no longer bothers other children.

The Power Pack kids' parents know that adults who abuse children should be reported to the agency in that city that handles cases of sexual abuse. And that's what happened in Jane's situation. After a quiet investigation, Jane's father agreed to live with his brother for a while and to go to a place for treatment. Jane and her mother are seeing a family counselor. It isn't going to be easy for the three of them, but they are talking and starting to solve their problems.

## SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR YOU AND YOUR PARENTS

### 1. HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL CHILD ABUSE

Sexual assault is a crime no matter how young the victim or who the offender is. There is an agency in every state that is mandated by state law to receive and to investigate reports of suspected sexual child abuse. To report suspected sexual abuse, you should notify the mandated agency in the state where the child lives. The agency is listed in the telephone directory, usually under the state's Department of Social Services, Protective Services, Social and Rehabilitative Services, or Children and Family Services. If you have difficulty finding the agency, call the police department or dial the toll-free number: (800) 422-4453.

### 2. TREATMENT FOR SEXUAL ABUSE

Sexual abusers and their families can be helped. Parents United is one national self-help organization with many local groups throughout the country which provides assistance to sexual abusers. Daughters and Sons United, a part of the Parents United program, provides help to child victims of sexual abuse whose parents are in the Parents United program. And, Parents Anonymous, another national self-help organization, has over 1000 chapters throughout the country for parents under stress. For information about groups near you, contact:

PARENTS UNITED / DAUGHTERS AND SONS UNITED, P.O. Box 952, San Jose, CA 95108, (408) 280-5055

PARENTS ANONYMOUS (P.A.), 22330 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 208, Torrance, CA 90505. P.A.'s toll-free number for those outside California is (800) 421-0353; in California, call (800) 352-0386

### 3. HELP IF YOU'VE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED

The low self-esteem, anger and guilt often experienced by the victims of child sexual abuse can lead to a variety of problems in the adult survivors. Discussion or therapy groups are often helpful in resolving these problems. Most communities now offer such groups; they can be located through your local United Way Information and Referral Service or local mental health center, women's center, or rape crisis center. Parents United developed a special self-help program for older people who were sexually abused as children called AMACU. For information, contact:

ADULTS MOLESTED AS CHILDREN UNITED (AMACU), P.O. Box 952, San Jose, CA 95108, (408) 280-5055

### 4. NEED MORE INFORMATION?

For more information, write: Spider-Man & Power Pack, P.O. Box 2866, Chicago, IL 60690

### 5. WANT TO HELP?

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